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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A disposable undergarment comprising:

transversely opposite side edge portions extending in a longitudinal direction;

longitudinally opposite end portions extending in a transverse direction;

a front waist region;

a rear waist region;

B3 a crotch region extending between said front waist region and said rear waist region in said longitudinal direction;

a pair of elastically stretchable first wings extending outward from transversely opposite side edge portions of at least one of said front waist region and said rear waist region, said first wings having first proximal side edge portions lying on said transversely opposite side edge portion of said waist region and first free side edge portion spaced outwardly from said first proximal side edge portion in said transverse direction, said first free side edge portions being provided with means to connect said front and rear waist regions to each other, said first proximal side edge portions being contiguous to the said transversely opposite side edge portions of said crotch region and a stretch

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stress generated in said first wings as said front and rear waist regions are connected to each other is exerted upon ~~the~~ said undergarment in a waist-surrounding direction as well as in a thigh-surrounding direction; and

B3 a pair of elastically stretchable second wings extending outward from ~~the~~ said transversely opposite side edge portions of said waist region in said transverse direction, said second wings being placed upon said first ~~wings~~, wings so that longitudinal upper ends of said first wings and longitudinal upper ends of said second wings coextensively overlap each other, said second wings having second proximal side edge portions lying on said transversely opposite side edge portions of said waist region and second free edge portions spaced outward from said ~~first~~ second proximal side edge portions in said transverse direction and fixed to said first free side edge portions, said second proximal side edge portions ~~are being~~ non-contiguous to the said transversely opposite side edge portions of said crotch region, and a stretch stress generated in said second wings as said front and rear waist regions are connected to each other is exerted upon ~~the~~ said undergarment in a waist-surrounding direction.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The undergarment according to Claim 1, wherein a transverse dimension D_1 of said first wings as measured from ~~their~~ first proximal side edge ~~portion~~ portions thereof to ~~their~~ first free side edge ~~portion~~ portions thereof and a transverse dimension D_2 of said second wings as measured from ~~their~~ second proximal side edge ~~portion~~ portions thereof to ~~their~~ second free side edge ~~portion~~ portions thereof are in a relationship of D_1 being greater than or equal

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B3 to D_2 , and values of said stretch stress generated in said first and second wings as these first and second wings are stretched outward in said transverse direction are in a relationship of the values of said stretch stress of said first wing being less than values of said stretch stress of said second wing.